

tireless advocate of promoting the movement of new ideas generated by scientists and engineers in our universities and national laboratories out into the commercial marketplace. Widely respected for his substantive thinking on such topics, Pat has tirelessly worked on legislative solutions that would bridge the cultural gap existing between the differing worlds of academia, government and industry. I believe this effort to be critical towards ensuring the future ability of America to compete in a global market.

During World War II and the subsequent Cold War, federal investment in science and technology was seen as essential to maintaining America's national security. A by-product of federal investment was an infrastructure of world-leading high tech defense companies, laboratories and universities and subsequent creation of an entire new generation of products and industries. With the end of the Cold War, the defense rationale for continued investment is not as politically compelling and the growth of information technologies continues to change the landscape for American business.

We are now in a period of transition, looking for ways to move from the old system of innovation where the government funded the science, paid for development and then purchased the final product—to a new system that preserves both our country's security and its competitive economic advantage. It is not an exaggeration to say that Pat has been a major contributor in the development of science and technology policy during this turbulent transition period. My office and I particularly respect his work for Senator HOLLINGS as an architect of both the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Program, both of which help move technology and information out to the manufacturing floors of America's workplaces. Pat has always been open minded, has carefully listened and will be remembered as a joy to work with. My staff and I hope that Pat will find some time to write and reflect on the technology policy issues he's been grappling with for so long, and welcome fresh insights from him. The Senate owes him a large debt of thanks for his fine work here. Good luck in California, Pat, and best wishes to your wonderful wife and daughter.

82ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, today marks the 82nd anniversary of the beginning of one of the most tragic episodes in human history. Beginning in 1915, the Government of the Ottoman Turks waged a vicious campaign of genocide against the people of Armenia. One and a half million Armenians were killed in the following eight years. Over 500,000 more Armenians were forced into exile from their homeland and compelled to seek havens in other lands.

The extraordinary resiliency of the Armenian people can be seen by what they have accomplished in their new lands. Nations around the world have benefited from the spirit and perseverance of the Armenians. No nation has benefited more from the contributions of the Armenian Diaspora than the United States. My own state of Massachusetts is blessed with a large and vigorous community of Armenians who have played an important role in all aspects of public and private life in our state.

I commend the tireless efforts of the Armenian Assembly of America and the Armenian National Committee for their outstanding work in informing Americans about the history and culture of Armenia and its people. In honoring Armenians throughout the world today, we also pledge to do all we can to banish genocide against any peoples anywhere from the face of the earth.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 8 Concurrent resolution recognizing the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 39. An act to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act.

H.R. 400. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents, and for other purposes.

H.R. 449. An act to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada.

H.R. 688. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such Act.

H.R. 1272. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes.

At 6:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1273. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1274. An act to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1275. An act to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 39. An act to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 400. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 449. An act to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 688. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1272. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1273. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

H.R. 1274. An act to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1275. An act to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1689. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the certification regarding the incidental capture of sea turtles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1690. A communication from the Chairman of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the oil pollution research and technology plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1691. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1692. A communication from the Director of Congressional Relations, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1693. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a summary relative